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Sir:

Please approve the changes to Figures 5 and 7 on the attached two (2) sheets of drawings as indicated in red ink on the copies of said drawings.

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